

## <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO:

The Commission

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SUBJECT:

MUR 5783 (Green Party of Luzerne County, PA et al.)

Attached are two proposed conciliation agreements signed by the respondents in this matter. The first conciliation agreement is for the Green Party of Luzerne County, PA and Shane Novak, in his official capacity as Treasurer, ("GPL"), see Attachment A, and the second proposed conciliation agreement is for Carl Romanelli for U.S Senate and Shane Novak, in his official capacity as Treasurer ("Romanelli Committee") and Carl Romanelli in his personal capacity. See Attachment B. The agreements would settle the violations resulting from (1) GPL's making, and the Romanelli Committee's and Romanelli's acceptance of, excessive contributions; (2) GPL's acceptance of a prohibited contribution; and (3) GPL's and the Romanelli Committee's failure to accurately report its activities. The attached agreements are

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substantially similar to the agreements previously approved by the Commission on February 26, 2009,	
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We believe this negotiated settlement represents a reasonable compromise and recommend that the Commission accept the conciliation agreements and close the file.	

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement as to the Green Party of Luzerne County, PA, and Shane Novak in his official capacity as Treasurer;
- 2. Accept the attached conciliation agreement as Carl Romanelli for U.S. Senate and Shane Novak, in his official capacity as Treasurer and Carl Romanelli;
- 3. Approve the appropriate letters.
- 4. Close the file.